

White County 4-H News



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January 2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR

It is already 2025, time sure flies now a days. I hope this newsletter will find everyone filling themselves to the brim with holiday goodies and many memories to share for years to come.

January is filling up fast with meetings and workshops. If you have a new member in your club and don't have their enrollment forms in or enrolled in <https://4h.zsuite.org/>, please do so ASAP.

I will need their birthday dates for the calendar. If you see that your birthday is wrong on the calendar, let me know.

Please take time to read the newsletter; there is a lot of important information!

Amy McCarty
Extension Program Coordinator/4-H

Mark your calendars

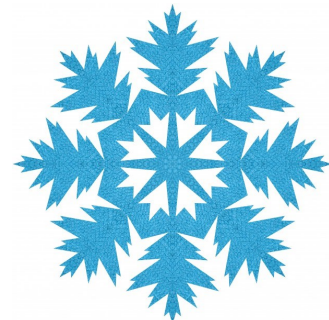
January 2025

- 9 Federation - 5:30 - Teen Teacher Training
- 10 January Publication Orders are Due
- 20 Cabin Fever Day - Hamilton County Ext. Office 9:00-12:00
Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Office Closed
- 23 Cloverbud Recruitment Night 3:30-6:00 @ Extension Office
- 27 Guidebook Cover Contest Due
- 28 Support Committee - 5:00
Livestock Committee - 6:00
Leadership Committee - 7:00

February 2025

- February 1 Beef Weigh-In @ 8AM @ Fairgrounds
- February 6 First Cloverbud Mtg. 3:30-4:30
Federation Meeting - 5:30
- February 20 Cloverbuds Meeting 3:30-4:30
- February Cosmic Bowling 6:00
Muddy Illinois

Tentative Workshop Scheduled



If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any of these programs, please contact the University of Illinois Extension Office at 618-382-2662.



January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>If you are needing any publications for your projects and are ready to order please let Amy know by January 10.</i></p>			1	2	3 Kory Sutton	4
5	6	7 Kassie Nausley	8 Promiss Roser	9 Federation 5:30 Kim Fuqua	10 Kelsey Aldrich	11
12	13	14 Niah Haley	15 Jalynn Phillips	16	17	18
19	20 Cabin Fever Day - Hamilton Co. Ext.	21	22 Holly Hays Lauren Hays Korbin Strickland	23 Pre-Registration for Cloverbuds 3:30-6:00	24	25
26 Carrie Gates	27 Guidebook Cover Deadline	28	29 Brooke Rahmoeller	30 Support 5:00 Livestock 6 Leadership 7	31 Jackson Buttry	

2025 Livestock Ownership Deadlines

Birth, Ownership and Tattoo Dates for Illinois State Fair Junior Show and White County.

If you are interested in State Fair, please ask for more specific guidelines.

STEERS & MARKET HEIFERS:

- Calved on or after January 1, 2024
 - Owned & personally cared for by exhibitor since – February 1, 2025
 - Tattooed & Tagged –
 - o **On or between the last Saturday in January (January 27, 2025) and February 29, 2025.**
- Beef weigh-in is February 1. (All Male & Females will be weighed and/or tagged)**
- o In addition to tattooing, steers that will be going to state fair are to be tagged with the electronic ID tags.

BARROWS:

- **Regular Barrows**
 - o **Farrowed on or after December 15, 2024 (White County Livestock Show Only)** and must be the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2025.
- Swine weigh-in is March 22 @ 8am @ the Fairgrounds
(All Male & Females will be weighed and/or tagged)**
- **Premiere Barrows**
 - o **Farrowed on or after February 10, 2025** and must have been the property of the exhibitor by June 1, 2025
 - o Weighed and Tattooed February 10 to April 15, 2025
 - o Tattooed within 35 days of birth and not weigh more than 1.0lbs/day of age
 - o Junior exhibitors can purchase nominated barrows

SHEEP WETHERS:

- **Both Premiere & Live Show Wethers**
 - o Lambled on or after January 1, 2025
 - o Ownership Date – May 15, 2025
 - o Weighed, Tattooed & Tagged – between March 15 and May 15, 2025.

Sheep & Goat weigh-in is May 3 @ 8:00am @ Fairgrounds.

(All Male & Females will be weighed and/or tagged)

- Weigh/Tattoo procedures for Open & Jr. Premiere & Live Show Wethers:

All lambs and meat goats to be exhibited at the State Fair **MUST** be taken to one of the statewide locations for weighing and tattooing. Each lamb will be tagged with an electronic ID tag, tattooed, weighed, and recorded on Lamb Nomination Forms from Dan Jennings.

Specific information regarding each of the weigh-in locations & procedures will be forthcoming.

MEAT GOATS

- Wethers – **Born on or after October 1, 2024**
- Tattooed in name of exhibitor only by May 15, 2025
- Ownership dates for Kids & Yearlings not in milk – May 15, 2025



January Federation Meeting

January 9, 2025

5:30-7:30

White County Extension Office

The TEEN TEACHER Training will take place during the Federation meeting



Be thinking of a community service project that can be done using a Farm Credit Grant



Cabin Fever Day in Hamilton County

By mid-January or so...you might be tired of the cold and ready for some fun.

Consider attending Cabin Fever Day at the Hamilton County Extension office on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

January 20, 2025



This free event will be held from 9 am - Noon and is open to all 4-H youth in Unit 24.

Junior High and older youth will make tie blankets that will serve as a community service for veterans.

Grade school youth will work on crafts and make Valentines for Veterans as their community service.

Lunch will be provided.

Call your local Extension office if you want to attend this fun day!

There are blankets for the veterans still available for pick up to tie and bind at the White County Extension office. A great community service to do over Christmas break or throughout the winter months!!



Guidebook Cover Contest

2025 White County 4-H Guidebooks will be available in February or March! But, first we need a neat looking cover!

Use your creative ideas and put them to paper.

Deadline is January 27.

Judging will be at the committee meetings on the 28th.

White County 4-H

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**Guidebook
& Showbook**

YOUTH 5 - 7 YEARS OF AGE

CALLING ALL CLOVERBUDS



You can join 4-H as a Cloverbud!

At Cloverbud meetings, you'll learn to run a real meeting, do important community service projects, learn cool things about being safe and healthy, and so much more!

*Open to all youth who were 5 by
September 1, 2024*

\$10.00 covers ALL cost for 8 meetings

**Cloverbud Pre-registration @
University of IL Extension Office**
(across from SIC)

January 23, 2025 from 3:30 to 6:00 pm

Meetings will be every other Thursday from 3:30 - 4:30 pm
starting February 6 at the Extension Office in Carmi.

February 6	February 20	March 6
March 27	April 10	April 24
May 1	May 15	

For more information
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Thriving Youth Thriving Clubs: 4-H Thriving

Leaders & Volunteers, new training information is coming down requiring three hours a year of registered training in ZSuite. Register for these three trainings and those hours can be done!

Register now!

At this three-part training for adult volunteers, learn about the fundamentals of the 4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development and how creating an environment for youth to thrive also helps your club thrive! Volunteers can attend just one session or all three! The training is virtual. Register online for sessions via ZSuite events!

November 12 – Sparks: Learn about helping youth find their spark, and how you can help youth channel their sparks into action. **AMY SENT YOU AN EMAIL WITH THE LINK TO THE RECORDING!!!!**

December 10 - Developmental Relationships: Learn how to form close connections between yourself and the youth in your club to help them feel supported and empowered. Registration: <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/32877> (you must be logged into ZSuite to access this registration link).

January 14 - Belonging & Program Quality: Learn the eight principles of program quality that you can implement in your club to make kids feel at home. Registration: <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/32881> (you must be logged into ZSuite to access this registration link).



Reminder to Large Livestock Families

Large Livestock families,

We wanted to give you a heads up and plenty of time to prepare for this new requirement for cattle and swine. (I've included sheep and goat families just in case) **Beginning in 2025, individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, ("840" tag). The tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.**

Producers can order tags directly, including through the free tag program with the Department, or utilize their veterinarians. The Department has tried to provide producers with ample time to prepare by pushing the notice out more than a year in advance and offering the free tag program, for which we have partnered with organizations to have on site distribution events. Here is a link to the information on ordering tags through the department of both producers and veterinarians: [Animal Disease Traceability \(illinois.gov\)](https://agr.illinois.gov/animals/animalhealth/fair-exhibition-requirements.html).

<https://agr.illinois.gov/animals/animalhealth/fair-exhibition-requirements.html> The second link is 2024 County Fair Health Requirements. If you open it, changes for 2025 are in red. The big thing is cattle and swine must have 840 tags. **If you are producing your own on your farm, to get 840 tags, you have to get premise id.** Calves under 6 months do not require a CVI. Depending on your 4-H show date, early January calves could be required on the CVI.

So in short, if you raise and produce your own stock then you will need to get a premise id and order 840 tags for your cattle and swine herd. This will need to be done before the 2025 weigh ins (Cattle Feb. 1, Swine Mar. 22, Sheep/Goat May 3). If you purchase your livestock from someone else you will need to make sure they have registered 840 tags already tagged or you will need to do this with yours before weigh in. This is MANDATORY by the state so if not done then you will not be allowed to show at the 2025 White County 4-H Livestock Show!

MOMENTS

that **MATTER**

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



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PHOTOGRAPHY *Contest*



DEC 1, 2024 - SEP 30, 2025

Did you participate in a photography workshop? Are you eager to put your new skills to the test?
Submit your photos for the 2026 Calendar Contest from December 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025!

RULES

- If photos are cropped, they must be the original aspect ratio.
- No use of copyrighted characters.
- Human Subject will need a photography release.

TO SUBMIT PHOTOS



<https://go.illinois.edu/2026CalendarPhotoContest>

OPEN TO ALL GALLATIN, HAMILTON, HARDIN, POPE, SALINE AND WHITE COUNTY 4-HERS AGES 5-19

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Get cash to help improve your community

Looking for funding support to conduct community service outreach in your community? Farm Credit Illinois is ready to help Illinois 4-H clubs and FFA chapters bring positive and visible change to Illinois communities! Fifty \$500 Community Improvement Grants are available. Clubs must be located in one of the 60 central and southern Illinois counties served by Farm Credit Illinois. Check if your club is eligible and apply today at farmcreditIL.com. **Be sure to contact your LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE applying for this grant to ensure you follow all fiscal requirements!**



4-H Project Grants Available

The White County Farm Bureau is pleased to sponsor the 2025 4-H Project Grant Program for White County 4-Hers.

The program is designed to encourage young 4-Hers to begin new projects by eliminating potential cost burdens they may have; as well as encourage new individuals to become active in the White County 4-H program.

4-Hers ages 8-14 are eligible to apply. Applications must be completed by the 4-Her and signed off by a parent/guardian and the 4-H Club Leader.
Applications are due March 1, 2025.

Applications are available from the White Co. Extension office and the White Co. Farm Bureau.
Applications can also be downloaded at www.whitecfb.com/4hgrant

If you have questions regarding requirements of the 4-H Project Grant Program, please call the Farm Bureau office (618) 382-8512.



Online ethics certification required for everyone taking 4-H animal projects.

All 4-H members enrolled in an animal project area are required to complete the online **Quality Assurance and Ethics course** one time in order to stay enrolled in an animal project area. The certification must be done if you are enrolled in one of the following projects: cats, dogs, horses, poultry, and rabbits. Members who do not complete the certification before the show will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. The local office has a list of those already certified.

The website is located online at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>.

**This rule applies to 4-H members who exhibit live animals AND poster exhibits.
White County deadline will be June 1! Get it done now, it's not hard!**

DIMENSION	COLUMN A <i># of club / individual experiences</i>	COLUMN B <i># of county experiences</i>	COLUMN C <i># of unit-wide/ regional experiences</i>	COLUMN D <i># of state/ national experiences</i>
PARTICIPATION	Norris City Mayor Signing Grayville Mayor Signing Enfield Mayor Signing	Sept 1 - National 4-H Week Theme Contest Sept 5 - Federation Sept. 5 - 4-H Rally Oct Carmi Mayor Signing October 3 - Federation Nov. 2 - Evening of Excellence November 7 - Federation National 4-H Week Activities Gingerbread House Workshop Christmas Tree Decorating Contest	Hamilton County Haunted Trail Unit 24 4-H Fall Party	
COMMUNITY SERVICE		August 31 - Grayville Parade Hygiene Products for CCC Sept 28 - Norris City Parade October 5 - Enfield Parade October 12 - Corn Day Parade Salvation Army Bell Ringing—12/14 Donate a Dessert Norris City Decorated House & Business Judging	Fall Food Challenge Letter Drive for WNC Hurricane Victims Halloween Costume Drive 4 C's Community Service Fill a Purse Tying a blanket	National 4-H Day of Service
LEADERSHIP	Club Officers	PSA's Leadership Role at: Federation Meeting Cloverbud Meetings GIFT Garden Classes Teen Teachers SPIN Club		National 4-H Conf. Legislative Conn. Speaking for Ill. 4-H Jr. Leadership Conference Illinois 4-H My Experience Award Training 9/18 Illinois 4-H Scholarship Webinar 10/7 Cultivating Cloverbuds Training 11/7
PROJECT LEARNING		Shooting Sports SPIN Club GIFT Garden SPIN Club Leather SPIN Club Pumpkin Decorating Contest	Unit 24 Photography Workshop - Hamilton Co., Saline Co., White Co. Fall Nature Scavenger Hunt for Kids Unit 24 Fall Bouquet Workshop 11/7 Unit 24 Cupcake Decorating Workshop 12/21 Virtual Ornament Making Workshop 12/14 Photography Calendar Contest Hamilton Co. Cabin Fever Day Unit 24 Horse SPIN Club	State Shotgun Shoot QAEC/YQCA Livestock Skillathon Contest & Workshop 11/9/24 Hispanic Heritage Month Native American Heritage Month

SHOW SOME LOVE

4-H members know

Animals need extra care when
it's cold outside



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